

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1637

DAVID BRYANT BATT

Examiner: Baughman, Molly E.

APPLICATION NO: 10/528,915

FILED: JANUARY 5, 2006

FOR: PCR BASED DIAGNOSTIC METHOD OF DETECTING A
MUTATION IN THE B-RAF GENE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 27, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 27, 2007. A five-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$2160 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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